Cer. What ere it be, tis wondrous heavy;
Wrench it open straight:
If the seas stomacke be ore-charg'd with gold,
Tis a good constraint of Fortune it belches upon us.
2. Gent. Tis so, my Lord.
Cer. How close tis caulkt and bottomd, did the sea cast it up?
Ser. I never saw so huge a billow sir, as tost it upon shore.
Cer. Wrench it open; it smels most sweetly in my sence.
2. Gent. A delicate Odour.
Cer. As ever hit my nostrill: so up with it.
Oh you most potent gods! what's heare, a Coarse?
2. Gent. Most strange.
Cer. Shrowded in cloth of state, balmd and entreasured
With full bags of spices, a Pasport to *Apollo*,
Perfect me in the Characters.

Here I give to understand,
If ere this Coffin drive a land;
I King Pericles have lost
This Queene, worth all our mundaine cost;
Who finds her, give her burying,
She was the daughter of a King.
Besides this treasure for a fee,
The gods requite his charitie.

If thou livest *Pericles*, thou hast a heart
That even crackes for woe this chanc'd to night.
2. Gent. Most likely Sir.
Cer. Nay certainely to night, for looke how fresh she lookes.
They were too rough, that threw her in the sea.
Make a fire within, fetch hither all my boxes in my Closet,
Death may usurpe on Nature many houres,
And yet the fire of life kindle againe the ore-prest spirits.
I heard of an Egyptian that had nine houres beene dead,
Who was by good appliance recovered.

Enter one with Napkins and Fire.

Well said, well said, the fire and cloathes,

The rough and wofull musicke that we have,
Cause it to sound I beseech you:
The Viall once more; how thou stirrest thou blocke?
The musicke there: I pray you give her aire;
Gentlemen this Queene will live,
Nature awakes a warme breath out of her;
She hath not beene entranc'd aboue five houres,
See how shee gins to blow into lifes flower againe.
1. Gent. The heavens through you, encrease our wonder,
And sets up your fame for ever.
Cer. Shee is alive, behold her eye-lids,
Cases to those heavenly jewels which *Pericles* hath lost,
Begin to part their fringes of bright gold,
The Diamonds of a most praised water doth appeare,
To make the world twice rich, live, and make us weepe,
To heare your fate, faire creature, rare as you seeme to be.

Shee moves.

Thai. O deare *Diana*, where am I? where's my Lord?
What world is this?
2. Gent. Is not this strange?
1. Gent. Most rare.
Cer. Hush (my gentle neighbour) lend me your hands,
To the next chamber beare her, get linnen;
Now this matter must be looke too, for the relapse
Is mortall: come, come, and *Esculapius* guide us.

They carry her away. *Exeunt Omnes.*

Enter Pericles at Tharsus, with Cleon, and Dionizia.

Per. Most honoured *Cleon*, I must needs be gone,
My twelve months are expirde, and *Tyre* stands,
In a peace: you and your Lady take from my heart
All thankefulnesse, The gods make up the rest upon you.
Cleon. Your shakes of fortune, though they haunt you
Mortally, yet glance full wondringly on us.
Dion. O your sweet Queene! that the strict fates had pleased
You had brought her hither to have blest mine eyes with her.
Per. We cannot but obey the powers above us;

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